

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

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T.O., a minor through his  
Guardian Ad Litem Hannah  
Morris, Individually and as  
Personal Representative of the  
Estate of AMY WAYNE MORRIS,  
Deceased, and S.O., a minor  
through his Guardian Ad Litem  
Hannah Morris, Individually and  
as Personal Representative of  
the Estate of AMY WAYNE MORRIS,

No. 2:24-cv-1131 WBS AC

ORDER RELATING CASES

Plaintiffs,

v.

COUNTY OF NEVADA, a  
Governmental Entity; WELLPATH,  
LLC, a Delaware limited  
liability company; NATIVIDAD  
RICKS, RN; JENNIFER PIXLEY, RN;  
JOSEPH BRITTON, MD; and DOES 1  
through 10, inclusive,

Defendants.

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3 T.O., a minor through his  
4 Guardian Ad Litem Hannah  
5 Morris, Individually and as  
6 Personal Representative of the  
7 Estate of AMY WAYNE MORRIS,  
8 Deceased, and S.O., a minor  
through his Guardian Ad Litem  
Hannah Morris, Individually and  
as Personal Representative of  
the Estate of AMY WAYNE MORRIS,  
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No. 2:24-cv-3243 DJC CKD

Plaintiffs,

v.

10 MICHAEL O'BRIEN, Individually,  
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12 Defendant.

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14 Examination of the above-entitled actions reveals that  
15 they are related within the meaning of Local Rule 123(a), because  
16 both cases are brought by the same plaintiffs bringing similar  
17 claims in connection with the death of Amy Wayne Morris, albeit  
18 against different defendants. Accordingly, if the cases are not  
19 consolidated, at least the assignment of the matters to the same  
20 judge is likely to effect a substantial saving of judicial effort  
21 and is also likely to be convenient for the parties.

22 The parties should be aware that relating the cases  
23 under Local Rule 123 merely has the result that both actions are  
24 assigned to the same judge; no consolidation of the actions is  
25 effected. Under the regular practice of this court, related  
26 cases are generally assigned to the judge and magistrate judge to  
27 whom the first filed action was assigned.  
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1 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the actions denominated  
2 T.O. v. County of Nevada, 2:24-cv-1131 WBS AC, and T.O. v.  
3 O'Brien, 2:24-cv-3243 DJC CKD, be, and the same hereby are,  
4 deemed related. The case denominated T.O. v. O'Brien, 2:24-cv-  
5 3243 DJC CKD, shall be reassigned to Judge WILLIAM B. SHUBB. Any  
6 dates currently set in the reassigned case only are hereby  
7 VACATED. Henceforth, the captions on documents filed in the  
8 reassigned case shall be shown as T.O. v. O'Brien, 2:24-cv-3243  
9 WBS AC.

10 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk of the Court make  
11 an appropriate adjustment in the assignment of cases to  
12 compensate for this reassignment.

13 Dated: June 2, 2025

  
14 WILLIAM B. SHUBB  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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